

May 19, 2011

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 879 – *Criminal Law – Counterfeiting – Venue*.

This bill includes the county in which an alleged counterfeit deed or other instrument is filed or recorded in a specified manner as a venue to prosecute a specified counterfeiting crime or other crime that establishes a specified counterfeiting crime.

Senate Bill 511, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 879.

Sincerely,

Governor